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MARINE ORGANISMS (02.07-21)

REF: BROWN/DARBYSHIRE TELECON OF FEBRUARY 18

1. UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF TEXT OF SIMONOV LETTER TO SCHNEIDER,
AS PROVIDED BY NOVOZHILOV OF HYDROMET, FOLLOWS:
2. BEGIN QUOTE: TO DR. ERIC SCHNEIDER: IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
PRELIMINARY FINDING OF THE JOINT US-SOVIET EXPEDITION, SIGNED IN
TAMPA 12 AUGUST 1975, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT BEFORE APRIL 1 BE HELD
THE EXCHANGE OF FINAL ACCOUNTS BETWEEN THE AMERICAN AND SOVIET SIDES.
THE SOVIET SIDE IS ALREADY PREPARING A COMPILATION OF COLLECTED
MATERIALS FROM THE EXPEDITION.
3. IN THE SECTION "PRIMARY PRODUCTION" THE WORK WAS CONCLUDED
TOWARDS THE END OF 1975. WE ARE AWAITING INFORMATION FROM DR.
RICHARD IVERSON (PHONETIC) ON INORGANIC CARBON AND ON THE HYDROCHEMI-
CALS IN TESTS OF SEAWATER.

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4. IN THE SECTION "PHYTOPLANKTON" - THE SOVIET SIDE PLANS TO CON-

DUCT A SURVEY OF THE NUMBER, BIOMASS, AND A DETERMINATION OF THE SPECIFIC COMPOSITION OF THE PHOTOPLANKTON AT 10 PRODUCTION STATIONS (NOS. 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 19, 20, AND 21). A DETERMINATION OF PHYTOPLANKTON BY SOVIET SPECIALISTS WILL BE CONDUCTED FOR TYPE AND, IF POSSIBLE, FOR COMPOSITION. WE ALSO PLAN IN THE SECOND PLACE TO WORK ON MATERIAL COLLECTED FROM STATIONS NOS. 10-18. ALL THE TESTS WILL BE COMPLETED BY APRIL 1976.

5. FOR THE SECTION ""ZOOPLANKTON" WE PLAN TO CONDUCT WORK ON TESTS OF DIFFERENT SIZED GROUPS OF THE MOST NUMEROUS SPECIES OF ANIMALS, SUCH AS THE TESTS MADE WITH NETS WITH DIFFERENT SIZED MESHES. WE HAVE BEEN CONDUCTING TESTS ALSO DUPLICATED BY THE AMERICAN SIDE. 18 TESTS, COLLECTED BY "BONGO" TYPE NETS, EIGHT TESTS, COLLECTED WITH A "NEYSTONNOY" NET; 10 TESTS, COLLECTED WITH "JUDAY" NETS. WE AWAIT INFORMATION FROM THE AMERICAN SIDE REGARDING THE AMERICAN SPECIALIST WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WORK ON THE ZOOPLANKTON DUPLICATE TESTS.

6. IN THE SECTION "MICROBIOLOGY": A DETERMINATION OF THE BIOMASS OF BACTERIOPLANKTON AND THE NUMBER OF MICROORGANISMS ADAPTED TO GROWTH IN AN ENVIRONMENT INCLUDING OIL PRODUCTS WILL BE CONDUCTED.

7. INFORMATION ON THE SECTION "DETERMINATION OF THE INTENSITY OF OXIDATION OF OIL PRODUCTS BY BACTERIOPLANKTON" WILL BE PROVIDED BY MARCH 1976. IN THIS MANNER, AS OUTLINED ABOVE, WE CAN LOOK FORWARD TO THE COMPLETION OF OUR WORK WITHIN THE SET TIME. END QUOTE. STOESSEL

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